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To: Department of Justice  
RE: Pending Microsoft Settlement

I would like to give you a few comments on why I believe this case needs to be settled as quickly as possible.

1. In the current economic situation, we, the Country, do not need the uncertainty that this case is causing.
2. Many of the claims that have been made are not relative in today's environment. For example, I have the option to use whatever software I choose to on my computer. I am not bound by what is installed when I purchased it (example - I much prefer Netscape to Internet Explorer.) (Another demonstration of being able to choose although not related to Microsoft - even though AOL comes loaded on my computer, I have the free choice not to use it).
3. Finally, rather than punish Microsoft , we should be thanking them for bringing us into the computer world. Prior to Microsoft, computer software could not talk to each, computers were not compatible with one another, and the list goes on and on. I remember very well when computers were as foreign to the average person as speaking Latin. Today even Grandma and Grandpa are using computers to stay in touch with family. And don't you believe for a second that a lot of this progress wasn't directly due to the work Micros did.

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